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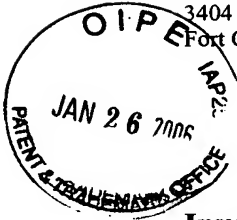
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to Examiner's Office Communication dated December 23, 2005 Applicants respond as follows:

Examiner has identified two distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16 and 31-46 drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 368; and
- II. Claims 17-30 drawn to method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 1+.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-16 and 31-46 in class 257, subclass 368 without traverse.

In addition, Examiner has identified four patentably distinct species:

- Species I, as shown in Figs. 1A and 1E;
- Species II, as shown in Figs. 1B and 1F;
- Species III, as shown in Figs. 1C; and
- Species IV, as shown in Figs. 1D.

Applicants hereby elect Species II as shown in Figs. 1B and 1F, which includes claims 1-16 and 31-46 with traverse. Applicants do not disagree with Examiner that the

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species shown in Figs. 1A-1F are patentably distinct species; however, Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner that claims 1-46 include claims directed to one of these patentably distinct species. Thus, Applicants believe they are being fully responsive in selecting Species II and noting that Species II includes claims 1-16 and 31-46.

If Examiner has any questions or believes that this response is not fully responsive Applicants request that Examiner call Applicants' representative to discuss what actions would be necessary to be fully responsive.

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